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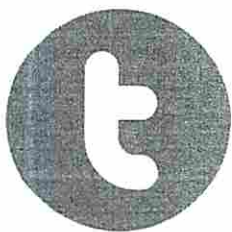
My job as a journalist is to report the most relevant news as accurately as possible.

Actual Article:

1. Where do you believe this article should be placed in an Israeli newspaper and an American newspaper? (Your answer can be the same for both.) Why?

In an Israeli Article, this should be placed on the front page or near it b/c it's an event that happened directly to the people of Israel. It's not as relevant in an American newspaper b/c it didn't happen in America. Could be on first page, but doesn't have to be.

2. Many journalists use Twitter to get the story out quickly which may limit your ability to weigh your words and investigate further information. Write your Tweet:



BREAKING: Truck in West Bank runs into crowd of people. IDF soldiers in crowd. Unclear if terrorist attack or accident. More to come //

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BREAKING NEWS: A truck in the West Bank has run into crowd of people. As it stands, it's unclear whether this was a terrorist attack or an accident. There is speculation that it could be a terrorist attack due to a history of terrorism in the West Bank, the presence of IDF soldiers in the crowd, and the events of the previous day regarding Elor Azaria. It is still unknown if this was an accident, however, despite speculation. More details to come throughout the day.

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My job is to inform people about the event that occurred in order to raise their awareness on the issue. My input should be objective rather than subjective, however, it must appeal to my audience, who are primarily biased (depending on the newspaper I am writing for).

Actual Article:

1. Where do you believe this article should be placed in an Israeli newspaper and an American newspaper? (Your answer can be the same for both.) Why?

In both an Israeli and an American newspaper, this article should be placed as the Headlines, because the incident was important, regardless of whether it was a terrorist attack or an accident — either way, it is fascinating, interesting news.

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The commotion regarding the Israeli soldiers was a shock to us all. We cannot make false claims, but it is important to understand or try to understand what has happened, because the commotion resulted in the death of 4 Israeli soldiers. #Pray4Israel

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#2 Israel has had a history of being the target of terrorist attacks, especially in areas like the West Bank and East Jerusalem. The commotion and devastation has stricken once again, whether it was a terrorist attack or an accident.

#1 The incident went as follows: An unidentified vehicle ran itself into a group of Israelis who were standing around. The day before this occurred, an Israeli soldier was convicted of manslaughter.

→ Although it is too early to decide whether the incident was a terrorist attack or an accident, the debate is still up for discussion. Until the man who drove the vehicle is identified, we cannot come up with a concrete answer as to what happened.